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NARRATIVE

Of the Proceedings at the Sessions-House in the

Old-Bayly,

From *Wednesday* the 7th of *July* instant, to *Saturday* the 10th. Being a full and true Account of the Tryals, Examinations, and Condemnation of several Malefactors, for several Crimes.

And also an Account of the Tryal and Condemnation of *Eliz. Lillyman*, who killed her Husband, for which she was condemned to be Burned, with the manner of her Deportment at her Tryal. And likewise of *Rose Goodman*, who was condemned for stripping of Children and other Felonious Crimes.

The Number Condemn'd was Eleven, Six to be Transported, Ten burnt in the hand, and Six to be whipt at the Carts Tayle.

With Allowance.

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the looſeneſs of her converſation; her defence was given at large by her Interpreters, wherein ſhe anſwered to ſeveral of the moſt material charges in the evidence given in againſt her, and upon the whole matter, the Jury brought her in not guilty.

There was likewiſe tryed that unhappy creature that kill'd her Husband at *Goodmans Fields*, viz. *Elizabeth Lylliman*; ſhe ſeem'd to be a perſon of ſome 50. years of age, old both in years and wickedneſs; her carriage was very ſtrange both at her Arraignment and Tryal, for after her Indictment read, and the the Clark demanded her Plea to the ſame, ſhe fell into a kind of paſſion, and deſired of the Court that ſhe might ſee her dear Husband before ſhe pleaded, which ſhe inſiſted upon with ſeeming earneſtneſs for ſome time; but this appeared to the Court to be but a mad kind of Artifice, deſigned out of her feigned paſſionate Zeal to her Murthered Husband to take off the ſuſpicion of her being inſtrumental to his death, but this would not ſerve the turn, for upon her Tryal the Fact was evidently proved againſt her by ſeveral witneſſes, the people of the houſe where they were when the Murther was done, did atteſt how that a little before the Murther, the party murthered, (having got a dried mackurel for his ſupper, went out to a Cobler that kept a Stall next adjoyning to the houſe, and borrowed his knife of him to dreſs his Fiſh; that while the Fiſh was a broyling, the people of the houſe being gon out of the Room, at their return, they found poor *Lylliman* with the aforeſaid knife in his body, and the blood ſtreaming out after it in this condition, nevertheleſs he

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had so much strength as to go to the door, and called to the Cobler of whom he borrowed the Knife, to come to him, and then imbracing him, cryed out dear Countryman, my wife has stab'd me with the knife I borrowed of you, which words he reiterated 3 or 4 times, and then sunk down dead; The Chirurgion that searched the wound did attest that the knife was entred into his very heart; notwithstanding all which evidence, this bloody woman had the confidence to deny the Fact, and to pretend her self to be clearly innocent of it; but it was too evidently proved against her, and the whole matter being left to the Jury, they brought her in guilty of petty Treason.

A Dutch Gentleman was here Arraigned for the murther of a Frenchman; it appeared to be done in a kind of fray, for the prisoner being at a Tavern, drinking of a glass of wine with some company, one of them being the aforesaid Frenchman, would needs begin the Landladies health, and would have this Gentleman to pledge it, which he refused to do, whereupon the other gave him a box on the Ear, and fell upon him in a rude and violent manner, whereupon they having shut the doors to them, so that he had no way to escape his fury, he drew his Sword to defend himself, and therewith unhappily kill'd the French-man, the Jury brought him in only guilty of *Manslaughter*, so he had the benefit of his clergy.

A Gentleman was lately Rob'd near *Lambs* Conduit, behind *Grayes-Inn*, by some persons that were upon the Foot-pad that way, they took from one a Silver headed Sword, a watch, and other things of good value, two persons

sons were taken upon suspicion and arraigned at this Sessions, whereof one of them was found guilty, the other was acquitted.

There were two several Indictments brought in against a Woman for the Felonious taking away of Cloaths from the persons of two children, her Trade had been it seems to intice little children that she found in the Streets, to go along with her, and having got them in some private place remote from their dwellings, and their strip them of their cloaths, and after sold them, leaving the poor children in that pitiful condition to shift for themselves; thus she had serv'd several; she was found guilty upon both Indictments, and no doubt will be made an example.

One living in *Chancery-lane*, was Indicted for ravishing a girle about 15. years of age, together with a young VVoman in whose house the same was pretended to be done, as accessary, by assisting to the Fact; The fact according to the circumstances that are usually made use of in such cases, was peremptorily attested by the Girle and her Parents, but the witnesses for the Prisoner, who were very many, and seemed to be most of them persons of good account; did first give a very fair testimony of him upon their knowledge of him, and then did so fully testify by numerous circumstances, the lewdness of the Girle and her mother; and that the Girle as young and innocent as she seemed, had been notoriously known to be lewd, lascivious, and disorderly, and that they had by plain proofs only laid this design to get a peice of mony from him, these evidences being considered, the Jury brought him in not guilty.

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Thus we have given you a brief account of the most remarkable Trials of this Sessions, which was very great, and took up much time, holding from VVensday until Saturday following 2 a clock, the last thing remaning is to give you an account of the Several Judgements and Condemnations that past upon the Malefactors. And first those that were capable of being admitted to the benefit of their Clergy were called to the bar, and some that could read desired that benefit, others prayed Tranportation which was granted them as the Court saw cause; The Number of these to be transported were 6 in all 3 men and 3 women; The Number of those burned in the hand were 10 whereof six were men and 4 women, after which those who were to receive Judgement of death were set to the barre, and accordingly tyed up, which were 9 men and 2 women, eleven in all, whereof ten had judgment to be hanged, whereof several of them were for the aforementioned burglaries, one was a Pickpocket, two others for robbing upon the high-way, and the woman that stripped the Children of their cloaths. After judgment, she pleaded she was with Child, and thereupon a jury of matrons were impannelled to inspect her, who returned upon their Oaths that they did not find that she was quick with Child, so she was set by for Execution with the rest of the Condemned persons. *Elizabeth Lillyman*, the person that killed her husband, her crime being petty Treason, had judgment to be burned to ashes, when she came to the Bar, she did, as formerly, passionately request to see the body of her husband before she died, saying she could not else dye in peace. But this,

this action of hers, was suspected rather as a fit of raving, then the result of a considerate mind, from one who was so apparently proved to be his Murtheress.

After these a pretended Printer was brought to the Bar, he had been convicted upon two several Indictments, the one for Exercising the *Mystery* of Printing, not being of the same, (but formerly a Scrivener) and the other for Printing Scandalous Libels; he pleaded for himself, that he had lived an house-keeper in good fashion, and that if he should be put to any publick disgrace, it would be the ruine of himself and a great family that he had under his charge, and pleaded the favour of the Court; who taking it into consideration, and it being the first offence that he stood convicted of, were pleased only to set a Fine upon him of 5 *l.* which he was to pay before he should be released from prison, and to prohibit him from Exercising or using the Trade of Printing for three years to come.

There were two persons that had been convicted of forging Tickets, they had judgment to stand in the Pillory three several days, and fined.

The last were five persons, three men and two women, for petty larceny, who had judgment to be whipt at the Carts Tail.

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